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teachers because it is specific, and should be suggestive to students of religious education because of its scope and detail. It is too timely not to be read now.

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**The Story of the Bible Told for Young and Old.** By REV. JESSE L. HURLBUT, D.D. Philadelphia: The John C. Winston Co., 1904. Pp. 750. \$2.50, net.

The author of this book, now a pastor in Morristown, N. J., was for many years editor of the Sunday-school publications of the Methodist Episcopal church. In this office he became one of the best-known and most influential Sunday-school men of America. His experience and his natural qualifications eminently fit him to prepare a book of Bible stories such as the children will like and use. He believes that there is need for a "Child's Bible," if children are to be interested in the Book of books. Out of the mass of matter in the Bible which interests students only, such as history, genealogy, details of law and customs of worship, psalms, prophecies, proverbs, epistles, a selection must be made of material which is interesting to children.

Dr. Hurlbut has therefore selected "the most striking and interesting among the stories contained in the Bible," 168 in number, and retells each by itself, but in the biblical order. The language of the Bible is used, simplified for the child, and the stories are interpreted, but not rewritten or changed. Some attempt has been made to use the results of recent historical knowledge in dealing with the Old Testament narratives. The book is profusely illustrated with color plates and engravings, one or more pictures appearing with each story; these will go far to make the book attractive to the child.

Many efforts have been made in recent years to present the Bible stories in a form suitable for children. A number of good books of this kind might be named. Dr. Hurlbut's work takes a place among these, for it has many excellent qualities.

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